Distribution of postel stationery by private sector

*200. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to allow the private sector to get into the distribution of postal stationery as an agency function;

(b) if so, the stage of the proposal; and

(c) by when this is likely to be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (c) Already arrangement exists for the sale of postal stamps and stationery on agency basis through the Licenced Stamp Vendors and the Licenced Postal Agents. This is in addition to the sale of postal stamps and stationery through the post office counters.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Retendering process for procurement of telecommunication equipment

1233. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated the retendering process for the procurement of telecommuncation equipments for the entire country;

(b) whether the delay in retendering and actual procurement has resulted in the scarcity of telecommunication equipments in various districts of the country, specifically in the Thane district of Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the expenion programme in the above district does not suffer due to inadequate supply of equipments?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICAITONS (SHIR BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir. Telecom Equipment is procured through open tender. Only in exceptional cases Retendering process is initiated, if the original tender is aborted due to any reason.

(b) and (c) There have been delays in actual supply of some of the equipment, strict monitoring is being donc regarding supply of the equipment so that they could be made available for achivement of targets including those set for Thane district.

Target for Export of Garments by the end of this Century

1234. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for the export of garments by the end of this century;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government have any proposal to provide financial aid to the State Governments for the promotion of garment exports; and

(d) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.